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Re: AC# 3-MAS-J0 - Pinnacle Care Corp. of Seneca d/b/a Mariner Health Care of Seneca

Dear Ms. Holtzscheiter:

The accompanying report has been prepared by our office based on your Medicaid Financial and Statistical Report submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services for the cost report period October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000. That report was used to set the rate covering the contract period beginning October 1, 2001.

We are recommending that the Department of Health and Human Services certify an accounts receivable to recover amounts due as a result of the rate change shown on Exhibit A. You will be notified of repayment terms by that Agency.

If you take exception to this report in any manner, you have the right to appeal in accordance with the <u>Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976</u> as amended, Title 44, and Department of Health and Human Services Regulation R.126-150, and you must respond in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this letter. This written response must address the specific items in the report being appealed, and must be directed to the Appeals and Hearings, Department of Health and Human Services, Post Office Box 8206, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206. Any correspondence should include the control number appearing on Exhibit A of this report.

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Mr. Joseph P. Hayes

PINNACLE CARE CORP. OF SENECA D/B/A MARINER HEALTH CARE OF SENECA

SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA

CONTRACT PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2001 AC# 3-MAS-J0

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT

ON CONTRACT

FOR

PURCHASE OF NURSING CARE SERVICES

WITH

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

November 14, 2002

Department of Health and Human Services State of South Carolina Columbia, South Carolina

We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed to by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, solely to compute the rate change and related adjusted reimbursement rate to be used by the Department in determining the reimbursement settlement with Pinnacle Care Corp. of Seneca d/b/a Mariner Health Care of Seneca, for the contract period beginning October 1, 2001, and for the twelve month cost report period ended September 30, 2000, as set forth in the accompanying schedules. The management of Pinnacle Care Corp. of Seneca d/b/a Mariner Health Care of Seneca is responsible for the Financial and Statistical Report for Nursing Homes and supporting accounting and statistical records. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the Department of Health and Human Services. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

- 1. We tested selected costs or areas based on our analytical procedures applied to the reimbursable Medicaid program costs as shown on the Financial and Statistical Report for Nursing Homes, as filed by Pinnacle Care Corp. of Seneca d/b/a Mariner Health Care of Seneca, to determine if these costs were allowable as defined by the State Plan for Medicaid reimbursement purposes and supported by accounting and statistical records maintained by the provider. Our findings as a result of these procedures are presented in the Adjustment Report, Summary of Costs and Total Patient Days, and Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analysis sections of this report.
- 2. We recomputed the Computation of Reimbursement Rate using the adjusted costs and calculated the rate change in accordance with the provisions of the contract between the Department of Health and Human Services and Pinnacle Care Corp. of Seneca d/b/a Mariner Health Care of Seneca dated as of October 1, 2001 as amended. Our findings as a result of these procedures are presented in the Computation of Rate Change and Computation of Adjusted Reimbursement Rate sections of this report.

Department of Health and Human Services State of South Carolina November 14, 2002

These agreed-upon procedures do not constitute an audit of financial statements or any part thereof, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the financial statements or a part thereof. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Thomas L. Wagner, Jr.

State Auditor

Computation of Rate Change For the Contract Period Beginning October 1, 2001 AC# 3-MAS-J0

	10/01/01- 09/30/02
Interim Reimbursement Rate (1)	\$99.88
Adjusted Reimbursement Rate	96.89
Decrease in Reimbursement Rate	\$ 2.99

(1) Interim reimbursement rate from the South Carolina Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Provider Rate Listing dated January 25, 2002

Computation of Adjusted Reimbursement Rate
For the Contract Period October 1, 2001 Through September 30, 2002
AC# 3-MAS-J0

	Incentives	Allowable Cost	Cost <u>Standard</u>	Computed Rate
Costs Subject to Standards:				
General Services		\$46.43	\$58.02	
Dietary		9.63	10.74	
Laundry/Housekeeping/Maintenance		8.87	9.23	
Subtotal	\$ <u>5.46</u>	64.93	77.99	\$64.93
Administration & Medical Records	\$	14.99	11.47	11.47
Subtotal		79.92	\$ <u>89.46</u>	76.40
Costs Not Subject to Standards:				
Utilities Special Services Medical Supplies & Oxygen Taxes and Insurance Legal Fees		2.93 .06 2.90 1.61 .23		2.93 .06 2.90 1.61 .23
TOTAL		\$ <u>87.65</u>		84.13
Inflation Factor (3.80%)				3.20
Cost of Capital				7.43
Cost of Capital Limitation				-
Profit Incentive (Maximum 3.5% of	Allowable Cos	t)		-
Cost Incentive				5.46
Effect of \$1.75 Cap on Cost/Profit	Incentives			(3.71)
Nurse Aide Staffing Add-On 10/01/0	0			38
ADJUSTED REIMBURSEMENT RATE				\$ <u>96.89</u>

Summary of Costs and Total Patient Days
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 2000
AC# 3-MAS-J0

	Totals (From Schedule SC 13) as	Adi	ustm	ents		Adjusted
Expenses	Adjusted by DH&HS	<u>Debit</u>		Credit		<u>Totals</u>
General Services	\$2,253,910	\$ -		\$ 12,547 23,781		\$2,217,582
Dietary	460,031	-		-		460,031
Laundry	102,269	-		-		102,269
Housekeeping	194,629	825	(5)	826	(6)	194,628
Maintenance	125,739	1,033 525		529	(6)	126,768
Administration & Medical Records	702,211	24 , 928 512		11 , 259 459		715,933
Utilities	139,907	8 583	(3) (5)	584	(6)	139,914
Special Services	2,997	-		-		2,997
Medical Supplies & Oxygen	154,086	-		3,003 12,345		138,738
Taxes and Insurance	134,195	545	(5)	57,356 37 312	(3)	77,035
Legal Fees	10,891	10	(5)	9	(6)	10,892
Cost of Capital	385,554	585	(5)	581 30,084 461 	(3)	354,985
Subtotal	4,666,419	29,554		154,201		4,541,772
Ancillary	115,207	4,369	(7)	-		119,576

Summary of Costs and Total Patient Days
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 2000
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	Totals (From Schedule SC 13) as	Adjustm	ents	Adjusted
Expenses	Adjusted by DH&HS	Debit	Credit	<u>Totals</u>
Non-Allowable	28,693	581 (1) 57,356 (2) 52,886 (3) 3,180 (6) 31,757 (7) 28 (8)	3,585 (5)	170,896
Total Operating Expenses	\$ <u>4,810,319</u>	\$ <u>179,711</u>	\$ <u>157,786</u>	\$ <u>4,832,244</u>
Total Patient Days	<u>47,761</u>			<u>47,761</u>
Total Beds	<u>132</u>			

Adjustment Report
Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 2000
AC# 3-MAS-J0

ADJUSTMENT			
NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	DEBIT	CREDIT
1	Fixed Assets Nonallowable Accumulated Depreciation Other Equity Cost of Capital	\$409,231 581	\$362,474 46,757 581
	To adjust fixed assets and related depreciation HIM-15-1, Section 2304 State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
2	Nonallowable Taxes and Insurance	57,356	57 , 356
	To adjust liability insurance expense HIM-15-1, Section 2304 State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
3	Maintenance Utilities Nonallowable Nursing Administration Taxes and Insurance Cost of Capital	1,033 8 52,886	12,547 11,259 37 30,084
	To adjust home office cost allocation HIM-15-1, Section 2304 State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
4	Administration Miscellaneous Income Medical Supplies	24,928	21,925 3,003
	To reclassify Provider income offset		

HIM-15-1, Section 2304

Adjustment Report
Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 2000
AC# 3-MAS-J0

ADJUSTMENT <u>NUMBER</u>	ACCOUNT TITLE	DEBIT	CREDIT
5	Housekeeping Maintenance Administration Legal 10	825 525 512	
	Utilities Taxes and Insurance Cost of Capital	583 545 585	
	Nonallowable		3,585
	To reverse DH&HS adjustment to remove indirect cost applicable to a non-reimbursable cost center HIM-15-1, Section 2102.3 State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
6	Nonallowable Housekeeping Maintenance Administration Legal Utilities Taxes and Insurance Cost of Capital	3,180	826 529 459 9 584 312 461
	To remove indirect cost applicable to a non-reimbursable cost center HIM-15-1, Section 2102.3 State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
7	Ancillary Nonallowable Nursing Medical Supplies	4,369 31,757	23,781 12,345

To remove special (ancillary) services reimbursed by Medicare and reclassify prescription drug expense to the proper cost center State Plan, Attachment 4.19D DH&HS Expense Crosswalk

Adjustment Report
Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 2000
AC# 3-MAS-J0

ADJUSTMENT			
NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	<u>DEBIT</u>	CREDIT
8	Nonallowable Cost of Capital	28	28
	To adjust capital return State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
	TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ <u>588,942</u>	\$ <u>588,942</u>

Due to the nature of compliance reporting, adjustment descriptions and references contained in the preceding Adjustment Report are provided for general guidance only and are not intended to be all-inclusive.

Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analysis
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 2000
AC# 3-MAS-J0

Original Asset Cost (Per Bed)	\$ 15,618
Inflation Adjustment	2.3848
Deemed Asset Value (Per Bed)	37,246
Number of Beds	132
Deemed Asset Value	4,916,472
Improvements Since 1981	1,183,808
Accumulated Depreciation at 9/30/00	(<u>1,919,788</u>)
Deemed Depreciated Value	4,180,492
Market Rate of Return	058
Total Annual Return	242,469
Return Applicable to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	(981)
Allocation of Interest to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	
Allowable Annual Return	241,488
Depreciation Expense	141,806
Amortization Expense	348
Capital Related Income Offsets	(28,196)
Allocation of Capital Expenses to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	(461)
Allowable Cost of Capital Expense	354,985
Total Patient Days (Actual)	47,761
Cost of Capital Per Diem	\$

Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analysis
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6/30/89 Cost of Capital and Return on Equity Capital Per Diem Reimbursement	\$ 7.04
Adjustment for Maximum Increase	3.99
Maximum Cost of Capital Per Diem	\$ <u>11.03</u>
Reimbursable Cost of Capital Per Diem	\$ 7.43
Cost of Capital Per Diem	7.43
Cost of Capital Per Diem Limitation	\$ -

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